

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for Form 1449/PTO		<i>NOV 03 2003</i>	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <small>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</small>			
<i>SEARCHED</i> <i>INDEXED</i> <i>MAILED</i> <i>COPIED</i>			
<i>Complete if Known</i>			
Application Number		10/002,736	
Filing Date		November 02, 2001	
First Named Inventor		Josef BRANDSTETTER	
Art Unit		3723	
Examiner Name		McDonald, S. L.	
Sheet	1	of	1
		Attorney Docket Number	
		5150-11	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ , Number ⁴ Kind-Code ⁵ (if known)				
SUN	—	WO 98/03308	01-29-1998	Minnesota Mining		
SUN	—	JP 2000210875	08-02-2000	Niyuurejisuton KK		
SUN	—	EP 0 566 761	10-27-1993	Guenter Wendt GmbH		

Examiner Signature	Shawnae M. Jones	Date Considered	11/19/03
--------------------	------------------	-----------------	----------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered.

Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See *Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents* at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Standard S1. If possible, applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.
This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20531.
If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.